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LETTER DATED 3 FEBRUARY 1994 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I.
OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF AZERBAIJAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a statement by His Excellency Mr. Hassan A. Hassanov, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Azerbaijani Republic, issued on 3 February 1994 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Yashar T. ALIYEV
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Annex

[Original: Russian]

Statement Issued on 3 February 1994 by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Azerbaijani Republic

I noted with satisfaction that the statement by the current Chairman of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE), the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Italy, Mr. Beniamino Andreatta, in connection with the intensive military operations in the area of the Armenian-Azerbaijani conflict.

In this regard, I consider it appropriate to state that the Azerbaijani Republic, from the very beginning, initiated efforts to bring about a peaceful settlement of the conflict between the two States and still remains committed to that principle.

Nevertheless, I consider it necessary to draw the attention of the world community to the fact that the latest initiative by the Russian mediators was undermined by the Republic of Armenia, which refused to sign the cease-fire agreement with Azerbaijan, having put forward a precondition - the granting of international legal status to the Nagorny Karabakh region of the Azerbaijani Republic, and is continuing its armed aggression against Azerbaijan.

Such illegal actions by the Republic of Armenia are preventing a speedy resumption of the peaceful negotiation process within the framework of CSCE and merit an appropriate assessment and reaction on the part of the current CSCE Chairman.

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